Washington, DC – Today, Congressman Bruce Braley (IA-01) issued the following statement following an 8.9 magnitude earthquake and resulting tsunami off the coast of Japan early this morning:

"My deepest condolences, thoughts and prayers go out to the people of Japan," said Rep. Braley. "As they struggle to contain the damage and begin the process of recovery, I'm hopeful that the losses are few and the impacted communities are able to rebuild quickly. My Congressional office is fully prepared to help any lowans that have family in the area or are otherwise impacted by this disaster."

lowans who are concerned about loved ones in Japan or the Pacific islands are encouraged to contact Rep. Braley's Davenport office at 563-323-5988. The office will be able to coordinate with the State Department to provide information and emergency assistance for U.S. citizens in the impacted areas.

lowans can also refer to this website for more information.